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(Draft to Secretary McNamara)

Dear Bob:

On 13 April 1966, the Director, NSA, advised the Chairman, USIB, of a potential compromise in the field of SIGINT involving a proposed publication by Macmillan Company of a book, "The Codebreakers," by a Mr. David Kahn. NSA had received a request from the Directorate, Security Review of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, to review the manuscript, and had in turn, requested USIB assistance in this task. Attached is a copy of the letter sent to the Macmillan Company by Arthur Sylvester on 7 June, to which I understand no reply has been received.

I am sure you will agree we should make a further approach to the Macmillan Company and believe that a personal note to them from you, hand-carried by General Carter, would open the door to discussions. This has been discussed with General Carter, who supports this course of action.

Sincerely,

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